

15 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Command Relationships Between the CIA
and the Armed Forces in Active Theaters
of War Where American Forces are Engaged

REFERENCE: SM-2914-52 dated 31 December 1952 with
Enclosure

1. The enclosure to reference memorandum has been reviewed and is concurred in generally. The Central Intelligence Agency thoroughly endorses and completely concurs in the basic concept of command relationships reflected in this proposed agreement. For purposes of complete understanding, however, the suggested minor adjustments as indicated on the attached draft with reasons shown are forwarded for your consideration.

2. We, in this Agency, believe that this agreement is a positive step in the direction of a well-coordinated and effective organization for war. Many of the points in question for wartime operations have been resolved in this proposal and I am sure the effect of this joint agreement will clear the way for positive planning and operational procedures.

3. Your efforts towards clarification of this problem are most appreciated by the Central Intelligence Agency.

(Signed)

WALTER B. SMITH

Director of Central Intelligence

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Draft of minor
adjustments to
SM-2914-52
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